GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4999
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VALIDITY OF LOC
SRIKANTA DATTA NARASIMHARAJA WADIYAR

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any external pressure has been put on the Government with regard to the validity of actual Line of Control;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the stand taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA)

(a)-(c) The Line of Control is rooted in the Simla Agreement which is a cornerstone for India-Pakistan relations.While the entire State of Jammu & Kashmir is an integral part of the Indian Union, we believe that the Line of Control is an important measure for the maintenance of peace and security. We have always upheld the sanctity of the Line of Control. The international community has called on Pakistan to respect the Line of Control.